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## Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

Established April 15, 1904 by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his life, financial assistance for the widow and children; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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*I do not expect to stimulate or create heroism by this fund, knowing well that heroic action is impulsive; but I do believe that, if the hero is injured in his bold attempt to serve or save his fellows, he and those dependent upon him should not suffer pecuniarily.*

—Andrew Carnegie

## The Carnegie Medal



Reverse side of Carnegie Medal (actual size)  
(Obverse appears on cover)

The Carnegie Medal is awarded to one who, at the risk of his own life, saves or attempts to save the life of a fellow man.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal, as seen on the cover. On the reverse side (above) in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

## Requirements for a Carnegie Medal

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself in an heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no direct family relationship or other full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of the rescue.

## Awards

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his life in performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the widow until she remarries; and contributions may also be made toward the support and education of the deceased rescuer's children.

If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his livelihood.

If the rescuer be uninjured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

## Persons Not Eligible for Awards

Persons whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues involve actions for which they have had neither training nor experience.

Members of the Armed Services.

Children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved.

# Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

## DEED OF TRUST

*To the Hero Fund Commission:*

GENTLEMEN:—We live in an heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of



heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc., and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

(Signed) ANDREW CARNEGIE.

WITNESS

LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE.

New York, March 12th, 1904.



# Heroic Acts Recognized During 1981

Carnegie Medal awarded to Donny L. Allison, who died as the result of attempting to save Kurt A. Holekamp from suffocation, Rolla, Mo., October 1, 1980. Holekamp, aged 22, entered a metal tank containing sawdust to check an instrument and lost consciousness due to lack of oxygen. Allison, aged 44, laboratory mechanic, suspended a rope from the tank opening and descended on it to Holekamp. Allison also lost consciousness. Rescue crews removed Allison and Holekamp, but both were dead.

6531

Carnegie Medal awarded to Monty L. Anderson, who saved James J. Harris and Charles W. Harris from drowning, Indianapolis, Ind., June 15, 1980. When Charles, aged 20, called for help while swimming in a reservoir, James, aged 25, swam to him. A struggle ensued in deep water. Anderson, aged 20, sub-contractor, entered the water and swam 40 feet to James, who greatly outweighed him. Although very tired after towing James to the bank, Anderson swam back to Charles and also towed him to safety.

6540

Carnegie Medal awarded to Ronald Kevin Baney, who died as the result of saving Elizabeth A. Davis and attempting to save Robert Sullivan from suffocation, Allentown, Pa., July 22, 1980. Davis, aged 21, and Sullivan, aged 50, were overcome by fumes while inspecting the interior of a 22-foot storage tank that had contained gasoline. Baney, aged 19, laborer, entered the tank and lifted Davis to men at a small opening in the top. When Baney tried to lift the unconscious Sullivan, he also collapsed. Rescue personnel removed Sullivan and Baney from the tank. Davis and Sullivan recovered; Baney died.

6521

Carnegie Medal awarded to James E. Banks, who rescued George J. Haeck, Jr. from burning, Duncansville, Pa., September 17, 1980. In an accident that resulted in his sedan being pinned by the cab of a trailer and a dump truck loaded with asphalt, Haeck, aged 51, was partially covered with asphalt that poured into the automobile. Flames had broken out at the cab and were spreading to the sedan when Banks, aged 22, truckdriver, ran to the automobile and broke a window. He extended his upper body into the sedan and with difficulty pulled Haeck free of the asphalt. Banks removed Haeck from the automobile shortly before it was engulfed by flames. Haeck recovered from burns he had sustained.

6532

Carnegie Medal awarded to Gerald L. Barcus, who helped to rescue Patrick L. Burcham and William R. Howell, Jr. from burning, East Liverpool, Ohio, June 16, 1979. Burcham, aged 53, and Howell, aged 29, were in a pickup truck that overturned onto its side and caught fire from leaking gasoline. Barcus, aged 37, off-duty fire department lieutenant, and another man ran to Burcham, who was partially through the window opening, and pulled him out fully. Flames were spreading in the cab and on the truck bed as Barcus and the other man then removed Howell. Burcham recovered from his burns but Howell died.

6499

Carnegie Medal awarded to Thomas H. Barkdull III, who rescued Robert J. Routt and Chad J. Sokoloff from burning, Coral Gables, Fla., June 13, 1980. Robert, aged 16, and Chad, aged 18, were in a sedan which was involved in a night-time accident and then caught fire at the front end. Barkdull, aged 20, college student, ran to the vehicle as the flames spread. Reaching through a window opening, Barkdull removed Robert; but Chad was wedged between the front seats. Flames were spreading inside the sedan as Barkdull got into the rear-seat area and from there freed Chad. He then got out and pulled Chad through the door opening only moments before flames engulfed the automobile.

6501

Carnegie Medal awarded to Frank Eric Barnes, who helped to save Harold S. Carter from suffocation, Topsail, Nfld., September 16, 1979. Carter, aged 44, lost consciousness when he entered a well to aid a man who had been overcome by carbon monoxide. Barnes, aged 44, carpenter contractor, descended into the well on a rope, which he tied to Carter. Feeling effects of the carbon monoxide, Barnes then held to Carter and was pulled out of the well with him. The other man was removed but could not be revived. Barnes required oxygen; Carter recovered after hospitalization.

6512

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Melvin Lee Barnes, Sr. who rescued Kevin L. Stangle, Jr. from burning, Funkstown, Md., November 15, 1980.** The pickup truck that Stangle, aged 21, was driving overturned onto its side and caught fire. As flames spread into the cab, Stangle opened the door which was then above him and stood up with his upper torso through the opening. Barnes, aged 52, senior mechanical engineer, ran to the pickup, grasped Stangle under the armpits, and lifted him out of the truck, which soon afterward was engulfed in flames. Barnes rolled Stangle on the ground and patted out flames on his attire. Stangle was hospitalized for extensive burns; Barnes sustained minor hand burns. 6550

**Carnegie Medal awarded to James E. Beard, who saved John H. Corp from burning, Diamond Bar, Cal., December 11, 1978.** Corp, aged 39, stopped his deputy marshal's vehicle behind a stalled sedan on the Pomona Freeway. Another automobile collided with Corp's vehicle; and fire that broke out at the ruptured fuel tank spread rapidly toward the front end. Beard, aged 37, insurance salesman, ran to the vehicle and opened the door. As flames in the interior increased, Beard extended his head, shoulders, and arms inside. He freed Corp, who was wedged under the steering wheel, and pulled him out of the vehicle, which very soon thereafter was totally afire. 6502

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Rodney Craig Bonney, who died attempting to save Jonathan J. Thibodeau from drowning, Auburn, Maine, April 6, 1981.** At night, Jonathan, aged 15, fell into the Androscoggin River, where the water was deep and cold and the current swift. Police were notified. Bonney, aged 32, patrolman, arrived, followed by other police officers. After removing some of his attire, Bonney entered the water and swam to Jonathan, who was about 100 feet from the bank. When another patrolman swam to near them, Bonney said he could not support Jonathan any longer and pushed him toward the officer. While the officer tried without success to save Jonathan, who drowned, Bonney went under and did not reappear. His body was recovered the next day. 6544

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Joseph Braslawsee, who helped to rescue Patrick L. Burcham and William R. Howell, Jr. from burning, East Liverpool, Ohio, June 16, 1979.** Burcham, aged 53, and Howell, aged 29, were in a pickup truck that overturned onto its side and caught fire from leaking gasoline. Braslawsee, aged 37, plumber, and another man ran to Burcham, who was partially through the window opening, and pulled him out fully. Flames were spreading in the cab and on the bed of the truck as Braslawsee and the other man then removed Howell. Burcham recovered from his burns but Howell died. 6500

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Harold Stanley Carter, who attempted to save Robert Hutton from suffocation, Topsail, Nfld., September 16, 1979.** Hutton, aged 27, was discovered unconscious at the bottom of a well, having been overcome by carbon monoxide. Carter, aged 44, heavy equipment mechanic, descended into the well on a rope. Before he could tie the rope around Hutton, Carter also lost consciousness. Both men later were removed from the well. Hutton was dead; Carter recovered after hospitalization. 6511

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Robert N. Coffey, who rescued Lorraine C. Tobin from burning, Bloomfield, Conn., March 22, 1981.** When a truck carrying tanks of oxygen and compressed air crashed into a tree, fire spread through the engine compartment and the cab. Trapped in the cab was Miss Tobin, aged 19. Coffey, aged 23, exterminator, ran to the truck. When Miss Tobin's head appeared at the windshield opening, Coffey briefly reached into the flames and grasped her. Pulling twice, he freed her from the wreckage and then patted out the flames on her. Miss Tobin was hospitalized for her burns. Coffey was treated for smoke inhalation and minor burns. 6563

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Rufus Colburn, who rescued Delwin D. Freeman and three others from burning, Homewood, Ala., August 29, 1980.** After flames appeared underneath the automobile which Delwin, aged 17, was driving, the vehicle struck a pole. Delwin and the three youths with him were rendered unconscious. Colburn, aged 43, landscaper, ran to the automobile, where the flames had spread to the interior, and removed Delwin. After getting two of the other youths out of the burning vehicle, Colburn had to climb partially into the rear-seat area to get the last one. Delwin died but the others recovered. 6522

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Andrew J. Collins, who helped to save Ronald W. Nunley from burning, Georgetown, S.C., February 22, 1979.** In a highway accident, Nunley, aged 27, was trapped in the cab of his trailer-truck and fire broke out under the vehicle from leaking fuel. Collins, aged 56, logger, and another man ran to the cab and began efforts to free Nunley as the flames increased. After retreating several times because of the heat, they removed Nunley shortly before the cab was engulfed by the flames. 6526

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Daniel E. Cronin, who saved Alexander J. Swiderski and Nozzio Blonda from being struck by a freight car, Chicago, Ill., April 11, 1980.** Swiderski, aged 58, was standing alongside a railroad track while Blonda, aged 60, was kneeling between the rails when, unnoticed by them, a free-rolling freight car approached at about 18 miles an hour. Cronin, aged 47, signalman, who was nearby, stepped to behind Swiderski and pushed him out of the path of the oncoming car. Cronin then moved to between the rails, lifted Blonda to his feet, and pushed him off the track. The freight car passed within inches of Cronin as he dived from its path, sustaining minor injuries. 6534

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Richard Dean Dahmen, who saved Jay Whitehead from drowning, Imperial Beach, Cal., January 15, 1981.** While wading in the Pacific Ocean in an area of strong currents, Jay, aged 13, was caught in an undertow and carried away from shore. He called for help. Dahmen, aged 25, college student, undressed to his shorts and entered the cold water. Wading and then swimming, Dahmen reached Jay about 200 feet from shore in deep water. Jay struggled with Dahmen, who managed to hold the boy at arm's length while towing him parallel to the beach. Dahmen then swam shoreward and, with difficulty because of waves breaking over him, towed Jay to safety. 6551

**Carnegie Medal awarded to James Robert Davis, who helped to save Lashonda Berry from drowning, Cary, Miss., March 22, 1980.** Lashonda, aged 2, was alone in a sedan that moved down a bank of Deer Creek and into the water. Davis, aged 26, telephone installer, entered the cold water of the creek and swam to the automobile, which was sinking in a deep area. Opening the door of the vehicle, Davis reached inside and removed Lashonda from the sedan, which then sank completely. Another man, who meanwhile had swum to them, took Lashonda to safety as Davis, feeling effects of the cold water, followed. 6523

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Louis L. Diana, who attempted to save Charles R. Banks, Jr. from drowning, Woodstown, N.J., December 26, 1980.** Banks, aged 33, broke through the ice on a lake and floundered in deep water. Diana, aged 17, siding installer, crawled on his stomach to near the hole, where the ice then gave way under him. The current carried Banks and Diana under the ice to an area of open water. Diana then took hold of the unconscious Banks and, breaking the ice as he swam, towed him toward shore. Reaching safe ice, Diana climbed out, pulled Banks from the water, and began dragging him across the ice. Others met them and aided in taking Banks to shore, but he could not be revived. 6546

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Bruce Howard Ditlow, who died attempting to save Benjamin G. Walker from suffocation, Lancaster, Pa., June 13, 1981.** Benjamin, aged 8, entered a cesspool tank and was overcome by carbon dioxide. Ditlow, aged 24, paramedic, squeezed through a narrow manhole into the tank and then was also overcome. Benjamin was removed by others, revived, and hospitalized. Ditlow was removed but could not be revived. 6552

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Corby Lee Enochs, Sr. who saved Kelly A. Fletcher from drowning, Vandalia, Ohio, August 1, 1979.** In a rainstorm, Kelly, aged 11, took refuge in a culvert carrying Poplar Creek under a highway. As the water rose, Kelly, who could not swim, was forced to cling to the side of the culvert. Police threw her a rope, but she lost her hold and was swept away by the swift current in the flooded creek. Enochs, aged 32, sales and service technician, jumped into the deep water, reached Kelly, and supported her as they were carried downstream. Enochs managed to stop their movement by grasping a limb of an overhanging tree at the bank. A man reached out from the bank and took Kelly from Enochs, who then climbed out of the water. 6535



Carnegie Medal awarded to Eric William Fruin, who helped to rescue Jack D. Tatman from burning, Okoboji, Iowa, July 11, 1980. Tatman, aged 56, was severely injured when his airplane crashed alongside a one-story frame apartment house, the flames spreading to the building and increasing rapidly on it and the aircraft. Fruin, aged 34, loan officer, and another man, ran to the wreckage and, reaching beneath flames, pulled Tatman out of the aircraft minutes before it was engulfed. Tatman's burns were minor.

6513

Carnegie Medal awarded to John Harvey Gehr, Jr. who helped to rescue Edward C. Gebhart from burning, Waynesboro, Pa., July 30, 1980. When his police car struck a pole and fire broke out at the engine, Gebhart, aged 29, was trapped inside, injured and unconscious. Gehr, aged 35, crane operator, ran to the car, extended his body through a window opening, and tried to free Gebhart. Fire had spread into the interior as Gehr, after managing to open the door slightly, squeezed his upper body through the narrow opening. Another man arrived and assisted Gehr in removing Gebhart. A student then aided in taking Gebhart away from the car, which soon afterward was engulfed by flames. Gebhart was hospitalized for his injuries and burns; Gehr's burns were minor.

6503

Carnegie Medal awarded to Michael Roy Gehrman, who attempted to save Timothy P. Dudgeon from drowning, Agness, Ore., July 11, 1980. When he was thrown out of his boat while attempting to negotiate a rapid area of the Rogue River, Dudgeon, aged 25, became wedged between rocks. Gehrman, aged 36, outdoor guide, entered the water and swam to a rock adjoining those that pinned Dudgeon. Hampered by conditions and occasionally washed off his perch by the very swift water, Gehrman tried for some time to free Dudgeon but was unable to do so. Dudgeon's body later was removed from the river by a rescue team.

6524

Carnegie Medal awarded to Joel Whitney George, who saved William S. Peck from drowning, Fannettsburg, Pa., March 21, 1981. William, aged 13, was in a canoe on a lake covered with mushy ice when the craft capsized. He swam back toward the bank through the path which the canoe had broken in the ice. George, aged 25, college student, saw William floundering and, after removing most of his attire, entered the water. George swam, breaking the mushy ice, about 30 feet and reached William, who struggled with him. After breaking free of William, George got behind the boy and began pushing him. Although tiring rapidly in the cold water, George got William safely to the bank.

6556

Carnegie Medal awarded to William F. Goldstrom, who rescued Samuel A. Mangus, Sr. from electric shock, North Vandergrift, Pa., April 25, 1981. At the scene of a house fire, Mangus, aged 54, was at the fire truck and was cranking up an aluminum extension ladder when it came into contact with an overhead power line with a capacity of 25,000 volts of electricity. Goldstrom, aged 48, tire store proprietor, was standing nearby and saw that Mangus was receiving an electrical charge. Running to the fire truck, Goldstrom, while in motion, used his shoulder to knock the unconscious Mangus free of the electrical contact. Mangus was revived; and he recovered after hospitalization for electrical burns.

6547

Carnegie Medal awarded to Percy William Gore, who died attempting to save Johnny L. Thomas, Sr. from drowning, Sebewaing, Mich., July 17, 1980. While fishing in the Sebewaing River, Thomas, aged 39, fell from a boat into deep water and began struggling at the surface. Gore, aged 53, fork-lift truck operator, entered the water from the boat and then was seen struggling near Thomas. While the boatman was moving the craft toward them, Gore went under. The boatman pulled Thomas aboard. Gore drowned.

6537

Carnegie Medal awarded to Christopher Brian Hall, who saved an indeterminate number of persons from being shot, Daingerfield, Texas, June 22, 1980. When a man armed with four weapons entered the nave of a church and began firing at the worshipers, Hall, aged 28, general contractor, lunged at the assailant and grabbed the gun. Struggling, the two men moved into the foyer and fell to the floor. As Hall got to his feet, the assailant fired at him, but the shots went wild. Two other men then sought to subdue the assailant and were fatally wounded, as had been three persons caught in the initial gunfire.

6515

Carnegie Medal awarded to James Joseph Harris, who attempted to save Charles W. Harris from drowning, Indianapolis, Ind., June 15, 1980. While swimming in a reservoir, Charles, aged 20, called for help. James, aged 25, warehouseman, who was not related to Charles, entered the water and swam 60 feet to him. A struggle ensued. After being submerged several times in deep water, James broke free of Charles but was too nearly exhausted to give further aid or to swim to the bank. Another man swam to them and, making two trips, took James and Charles separately to wadable water. 6538

Carnegie Medal awarded to Edward Roger Heise, who saved Lis Jeppesen and two other persons from being struck by a falling object, Chicago, Ill., June 12, 1980. At the close of a Royal Danish Ballet performance at the Chicago Civic Opera House, a piece of weighted scenery fell from above the stage toward Miss Jeppesen and two young girls, all of whom were strapped to a sled suspended on wires. Heise, aged 31, stagehand, ran to the sled and swung it in an arc out of the path of the falling object. None of the performers was injured by the piece of scenery as it struck the stage alongside Heise, who sustained minor abrasions. 6541

Carnegie Medal awarded to Gary Gene Henry, who helped to rescue Jack D. Tatman from burning, Okoboji, Iowa, July 11, 1980. Tatman, aged 56, was severely injured when his airplane crashed alongside a one-story frame apartment house, the flames spreading to the building and increasing rapidly on it and the aircraft. Henry, aged 42, company president, and another man ran to the wreckage and, reaching beneath flames, pulled Tatman out of the aircraft minutes before it was engulfed. Tatman's burns were minor. 6514

Carnegie Medal awarded to Richard D. Jefford II, who attempted to save John J. Lyon and Jennifer L. Haun from drowning, Greenfield, Ind., March 18, 1979. Jefford, aged 35, systems control specialist, saw John, aged 8, and Jennifer, aged 6, in a hole in the ice along the opposite bank of Spring Lake. Removing his shoes, Jefford entered the water and swam about 175 feet to the edge of the ice. Already feeling tired and numb, Jefford began breaking a path toward the hole in the ice. He proceeded to within 20 feet of the hole but was too near exhaustion to go any farther. A secretary removed John and Jennifer from the hole in the ice; and a man in a rowboat reached Jefford and took him to the bank. 6509

Carnegie Medal awarded to Jeffrey W. Jones, who died assisting in an attempt to save Kevin L. Weatherlow and Bruce H. Ditlow from suffocation, Lancaster, Pa., June 13, 1981. Jones, aged 18, volunteered to assist another man in removing Ditlow, aged 24, and Weatherlow, aged 23, who had been overcome by carbon dioxide in a cesspool tank. Jones and the other man, each wearing an air-mask, helped remove Weatherlow, who could not be revived. While working to remove Ditlow, Jones lost consciousness when his mask was accidentally pulled off. The other man was pulled out of the tank. After some delay, Jones and Ditlow were removed; they could not be revived. 6555

Carnegie Medal awarded to Thomas Gordon Jones, who saved James H. Poe from burning, Dallas, Texas, December 5, 1979. Poe, aged 55, was injured when his pickup truck, carrying two partially-filled tanks of propane gas, was involved in an accident. Flames broke out at the engine and began spreading. Jones, aged 36, equal opportunity specialist, ran to the cab, broke a window and, with flames two feet away, helped Poe to get out. Minutes later there was an eruption of flames associated with the gas tanks. 6518

Carnegie Medal awarded to Edward S. Joy, who helped to save Thomas E. Morrow from drowning, Daytona Beach, Fla., April 23, 1980. Morrow and Joy, 18-year-old high-school students, were among a group swimming in the Atlantic Ocean when a rip current developed. Joy saw Morrow floundering as he was being carried out by the current. Joy waded and swam 300 feet to Morrow, who was semi-conscious in deep water. Joy lifted Morrow's head out of the water and aided him 150 feet toward shore. With rescue aids, lifeguards then assisted them the rest of the way. Morrow required hospitalization. 6564

Carnegie Medal awarded to Douglas Bruce Keltz, who helped to save Ronald W. Nunley from burning, Georgetown, S.C., February 22, 1979. In a highway accident, Nunley, aged 27, was trapped in the cab of his trailer-truck and fire broke out under the vehicle from leaking fuel. Keltz, aged 26, salesman, and another man ran to the cab and began efforts to free Nunley as the flames increased. After retreating several times because of the heat, they removed Nunley shortly before the cab was engulfed by the flames. 6525

Carnegie Medal awarded to Michael Russell Kossow, who saved Hartley G. Seymour from suffocation, Greenfield, Wisc., January 9, 1980. Seymour, aged 72, was in a rest room off a store's second-floor hall, which became filled with dense smoke as a result of fire in a utility room about 40 feet away. Hearing Seymour call for help, Kossow, aged 23, machine operator, ascended to the second floor. He crawled through the smoke and reached the rest room door, where he found Seymour. Coughing from effects of the smoke, Kossow dragged Seymour to the stairs and down them to a landing from which others then removed him to the outside. Seymour required hospitalization for smoke inhalation. 6548

Carnegie Medal awarded to Timothy L. Kuczmarski, who saved Lawrence N. Monahan from drowning, Lexington, Mich., August 9, 1980. Following a struggle with a boy in deep water in Lake Huron, Monahan, aged 29, called for help. Kuczmarski, aged 20, automobile glazing technician, entered the water and swam 60 feet to the two persons. A struggle among the three ensued, and Monahan sank to the bottom. Others arrived and took the boy to safety while Kuczmarski dived, brought the unconscious Monahan to the surface, and took him to shore, where he was revived. 6568

Carnegie Medal awarded to Robert G. LaCamera, who attempted to rescue Maria Florencia Martin and Maria Eugenia Martin while they were in a runaway automobile, Hamden, Conn., July 3, 1980. Maria Florencia, aged 4, and Maria Eugenia, aged 2, were in an automobile that began drifting backward down a sloping driveway toward the street. LaCamera, aged 54, physician, who was at the rear of the vehicle when it began moving, attempted to stop it by pushing against it while walking backward. As the automobile picked up speed, LaCamera moved at an increased rate and then fell to the pavement. The sedan moved onto him and dragged him about 30 feet as it crossed the street and stopped. LaCamera was badly injured, but he recovered. The children were unharmed. 6519

Carnegie Medal awarded to Kenneth Lee Lohr, who died helping to save Randall Lilly from drowning, Chester, W. Va., August 4, 1980. Randall, aged 12, was swimming in the Ohio River and, attempting to reach a sand bar at the bank, began splashing and calling for help. Lohr, aged 19, high school student, entered the water fully clothed and waded to Randall, who grasped and struggled with him. Lohr went under and did not reappear. Another man aided Randall to safety. Lohr's body was later found farther downstream. 6505

Carnegie Medal awarded to Chalmer C. Loomis, Jr. who saved an indeterminate number of children from being struck by a runaway truck, Branson, Mo., June 6, 1980. Loomis, aged 62, was walking along a sloping street when a runaway tank truck loaded with milk passed him and headed toward a slide on which children were playing. As the truck's speed increased, Loomis ran to it, opened a door, and got into the cab. With difficulty because of the power steering, Loomis changed the direction of the vehicle. It passed within 10 feet of the slide. Loomis jumped out of the cab before the truck reached a dropoff at the side of the street and overturned. He sustained minor injuries. 6542

Carnegie Medal awarded to Jimmy Marvin Madderra, who helped to rescue Thomas W. Sutherland from burning, Huntsville, Ala., January 10, 1980. In a highway accident, Sutherland, aged 51, was knocked out and flames appeared at the rear of his automobile. Madderra, aged 46, mechanical designer, ran to the sedan, on which the fire was spreading. Retreating each time from the increasing heat, Madderra tried the door, broke the window glass, released Sutherland's seat belt, and began pulling him through the window opening. Another man then aided Madderra in removing Sutherland fully from the sedan, which very soon thereafter was engulfed by flames. Sutherland and Madderra sustained minor burns. 6527



**Carnegie Medal awarded to Thomas Kevin Magee, who rescued Alice I. Sammler from burning, Warrington, Pa., February 9, 1981.** Mrs. Sammler, aged 56, was in the kitchen of a two-story frame dwelling when fire broke out there. Magee, aged 21, truckdriver, broke down a door and entered a smoke-filled enclosed porch, where there were flames in one corner and visibility was nil. After crawling about 10 feet, Magee found Mrs. Sammler lying unconscious near the flames. He dragged her across the porch and then carried her outside. Soon afterward the flames had engulfed the house. Mrs. Sammler and Magee were given oxygen, and Mrs. Sammler required hospitalization for burns she had received. 6549

**Carnegie Medal awarded to John Thomas Matthis, who rescued Robert E. Moore, Sr. from scalding steam, Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 20, 1980.** In a steam boiler plant, Moore, aged 46, and another man were in a boiler room near a steam pipe when the pipe ruptured. The other man escaped as the room filled with scalding steam. Matthis, aged 54, equipment mechanic foreman, realized Moore had not escaped and searched the room but failed to find him. Matthis entered a second time and found Moore lying unconscious. Twice, despite burns, Matthis reentered and moved Moore toward the door. Moore revived briefly and crawled to where Matthis and another man were able to remove him. Moore died several hours later. Matthis required hospitalization for his burns. 6567

**Carnegie Medal awarded to James Young McDaniel, who died as a result of his efforts to save an indeterminate number of persons from being shot, Daingerfield, Texas, June 22, 1980.** When a man armed with four weapons entered the nave of a church, fired at the worshipers, and was forced into the foyer by a member of the congregation, McDaniel, aged 53, railroad shop foreman, followed them into the foyer, where the two men had fallen to the floor. McDaniel grabbed the assailant and, struggling with him, pushed him through the front door of the church to the outside. During the struggle, McDaniel was wounded. Another man who then sought to subdue the assailant also was shot. McDaniel and the other wounded man died, as did three of the persons wounded in the initial gunfire. 6516

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Edgar W. McLaughlin, Jr. who helped to rescue Edward C. Gebhart from burning, Waynesboro, Pa., July 30, 1980.** When his police car struck a pole and fire broke out at the engine, Gebhart, aged 29, was trapped inside, injured and unconscious. After another man had extended his body through a window opening and tried to free Gebhart, McLaughlin, aged 60, drill set-up operator, arrived, emptied two fire extinguishers on the spreading flames, and then aided in removing Gebhart. The car soon afterward was engulfed by flames. Gebhart was hospitalized for his injuries and burns. 6504

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Bobby Eugene Meadows, who helped to save an indeterminate number of persons from a possible explosion, Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 20, 1980.** Meadows, aged 32, instrument mechanic, was among about eight men working in a steam boiler plant. A condition arose that created the threat of a boiler explosion. Meadows initiated preventive procedures. Amidst worsening conditions, he straddled a steam pipe above a boiler to close a valve. Another man stood by. The pipe ruptured at the valve, spewing water and then steam, which filled the room. Drenched, Meadows searched for the other man until running out of air. Meadows escaped and then, despite burns and injuries, assisted other men in securing the boilers. The other man was removed but died. Meadows required hospitalization. 6565

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Manning Eugene Medlin, who saved Margie W. and Rufus E. Carawan from suffocation, Roanoke Rapids, N.C., December 13, 1978.** While Mrs. Carawan, aged 70, was asleep, fire broke out in the bedroom of her son, Rufus, aged 39. His calls for help attracted Medlin aged 51, who had a coronary condition. Medlin entered the smoke-filled one-story house and led Rufus and Mrs. Carawan outside. When Rufus reentered the house to get some personal property, Medlin ran after him and took him to the open door. Both then collapsed from effects of the smoke, Rufus falling on the porch and Medlin in the doorway. Rescue personnel removed them to a hospital where they were treated and released. 6528

Carnegie Medal awarded to Robert C. Melis, who helped to save Carolyn H. McPhail from burning, Oshawa, Ont., November 4, 1979. The automobile in which Mrs. McPhail, aged 34, was riding was struck by another vehicle and caught fire, the flames spreading over the exterior and the interior. Melis, aged 29, carpet layer, ran to the vehicle, from which another man had partially removed Mrs. McPhail. Placing a shoulder under Mrs. McPhail's emerging body, Melis aided in pulling her to safety before the vehicle was completely engulfed by flames. 6560

Carnegie Medal awarded to Robert Earl Moore, Sr. who died helping to save an indeterminate number of persons from a possible explosion, Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 20, 1980. Moore, aged 46, equipment mechanic, was among about eight men working in a steam boiler plant. A condition arose that created the threat of a boiler explosion. Amidst worsening conditions, Moore followed another man to a catwalk above a boiler to close a steam-pipe valve. The pipe ruptured, filling the area with steam. The other man escaped. Moore later was found and removed, but he died of burns sustained from the steam. 6566

Carnegie Medal awarded to John D. Perrino, who attempted to save Jonathan J. Thibodeau from drowning, Auburn, Maine, April 6, 1981. At night, Jonathan, aged 15, fell into the Androscoggin River, where the water was deep and cold and the current swift. Perrino, aged 26, patrolman, removed some of his attire and followed another officer who had gone to the aid of Jonathan. After pushing Jonathan to Perrino, who was about 90 feet from the bank, the officer drowned. Jonathan struggled with Perrino, causing him to be submerged a number of times. Perrino towed Jonathan toward the bank, tiring rapidly and losing hold of Jonathan briefly. Jonathan struggled further; and they went under about 50 feet from the bank. Perrino, nearly exhausted, lost his hold on Jonathan, who drowned. Persons on the bank threw a rope to Perrino and pulled him to safety. 6545

Carnegie Medal awarded to Joe Allen Pinkerton, who died attempting to save Charles W. Harris from drowning, Indianapolis, Ind., June 15, 1980. While swimming in a reservoir, Harris, aged 20, called for help. Pinkerton, aged 21, maintenance man, entered the water and swam 40 feet to Harris. A struggle ensued. After being submerged several times in deep water, Pinkerton went under and did not reappear. Another man took Harris to wadable water. Divers recovered the body of Pinkerton, who had drowned. 6539

Carnegie Medal awarded to Claud Elder Pulliam, who saved John H. Kelly and attempted to save William C. Deal, Jr. from an impending explosion, Seale, Ala., November 21, 1979. A helicopter containing Kelly, Deal, and Pulliam crashed and flames broke out around the fuel tanks. Pulliam, aged 32, aircraft engine mechanic, got out but then, hearing Kelly, aged 34, calling for help, ran back to the wreckage. He reached into an opening in the cockpit, freed Kelly, and removed him. As the flames increased, Pulliam returned to the helicopter and twice entered the cockpit fully to aid Deal, aged 46, who was badly injured and either unconscious or dead. Pulliam was still inside attempting to free Deal when flames broke through into the cockpit. Intolerable heat forced Pulliam to flee. He had gone only 30 feet from the helicopter when the fuel tanks exploded. 6529

Carnegie Medal awarded to Eugene Raftery, who rescued James B. Gibson from burning, Indianapolis, Ind., January 4, 1979. When fire broke out in the first-floor apartment that adjoined his, Raftery, aged 71, telephoned a report of the situation and then fled, believing that the occupant of the burning apartment, Gibson, aged 73, had already left the building. When he heard Gibson calling for help from inside the building, Raftery crawled into the hall, which was filled with dense smoke. Flames from the burning apartment were spreading into the hall and heat was intense. Raftery found Gibson lying on the floor of the hall and, with some difficulty, dragged him out of the building. Gibson later succumbed to extensive burns he had sustained. 6506

Carnegie Medal awarded to Davie Lee Ramey, who saved Jason E. Miller from suffocation, Martinsburg, W.Va., September 3, 1980. When fire broke out in the second-floor hall of his home, Jason, aged 3, hid in a closet at the top of the stairs and kept calling for his mother. Among persons attracted was Ramey, aged 23, minister. Ramey entered the house and made three searches of the second-floor hall but each time was forced to retreat because of smoke and heat from the spreading flames. On the fourth search, Ramey located Jason in the closet and carried him safely down the stairs. 6530

Carnegie Medal awarded to Daniel Leonard Reinders, who saved Doug Knoell from drowning, Valentine, Nebr., June 22, 1980. Doug, aged 8, was wading in the Niobrara River when he lost his footing and was carried toward a series of three low waterfalls. Daniel, aged 17, high school student, entered the water and swam after Doug; but before contact was made, both were swept over the falls into a rocky area where the current was rapid. Doug went under. Daniel submerged and brought Doug to the surface. With some difficulty because of minor leg injuries inflicted by the rocks, Daniel towed Doug to wadable water. 6520

Carnegie Medal awarded to R. Mark Rhinier, who assisted in an attempt to save Kevin L. Weatherlow and Bruce H. Ditlow from suffocation, Lancaster, Pa., June 13, 1981. Rhinier, aged 18, high school student, volunteered to enter a cesspool tank in which Weatherlow, aged 23, and Ditlow, aged 24, had been overcome by carbon dioxide. Rhinier entered the tank wearing an air-mask and, with help from another man, moved Weatherlow and Ditlow to under the tank opening. Weatherlow was pulled out but could not be revived. Rhinier removed his mask and lost consciousness. The other man also was overcome. Rhinier revived, grabbed a rope, and was pulled out. Ditlow and the other man died. 6554

Carnegie Medal awarded to Randall R. Rhoades, who rescued six persons from a burning building, East Syracuse, N.Y., February 13, 1979. Rhoades, aged 25, railroad brakeman, entered a burning apartment building and, in dense smoke, went to the third floor, where he encountered two children. After taking them outside, Rhoades returned to the third floor and found two adults and two other children. He led them to the stairway, but it then was blocked by flames spreading on the second floor. Feeling his way, Rhoades located a third-floor window and broke the glass. He aided the others onto a roofed section of the second floor, from where firemen removed them to safety. 6507

Carnegie Medal awarded to Dennis R. Roland, who saved Louise Desfosses and attempted to rescue Frances D. Haeck from burning, Duncansville, Pa., September 17, 1980. In an accident that resulted in the cab of a trailer and a dump truck loaded with asphalt pinning a sedan, Miss Desfosses, aged 22, sat stunned in the cab as flames broke out around it; and Mrs. Haeck, aged 51, was covered except for one arm by asphalt that poured into the sedan. After assisting a workman in pulling off the cab's door, Roland, aged 36, state policeman, entered the burning cab and removed Miss Desfosses before she sustained any burns. Roland then ran to the sedan and extended his upper body inside as flames entered through the broken rear window. He grasped the arm of Mrs. Haeck and tried to free her from the asphalt; but the increasing heat forced him to retreat shortly before the automobile was engulfed by flames. Mrs. Haeck died. 6533

Carnegie Medal awarded to Howard J. J. St. Anne, who saved Reginald C. Newton and three others from suffocation, Hamilton, Ont., September 27, 1980. Newton, aged 29, was on the third floor of a three-story brick building when fire broke out in the first-floor enclosed porch. St. Anne, aged 26, truckdriver, entered the smoke-filled third floor, where visibility was poor. Rousing Newton and others on that floor, St. Anne descended to the floor below, alerted others, did the same on the first floor, and then returned to the top floor, from where he removed Newton and another man via a fire escape. Entering the third floor again, St. Anne went to the second floor and located a man, who followed him downstairs. There St. Anne removed another man from his bedroom and gave him to an arriving fireman. With some difficulty, St. Anne then guided a fourth man out of the house. All recovered from effects of smoke inhalation. 6557

Carnegie Medal awarded to Randy Joe Scheller, who rescued W.D. Goodner following an explosion, Frederick, Okla., July 9, 1980. When Goodner, aged 66, attempted to start his truck while inside his garage, a violent explosion occurred, setting fire to the truck and another vehicle beside it. Scheller, aged 21, farmer, ran between the burning vehicles, opened the truck's door, and with some difficulty removed Goodner, who had sustained extensive burns. Only minutes after Scheller had taken Goodner outside, the truck's gasoline tank exploded and flames completely engulfed the garage. Goodner recovered after being hospitalized. Scheller's burns were minor. 6558



Carnegie Medal awarded to Anita C. Schweitzer, who saved John J. Lyon and Jennifer L. Haun from drowning, Greenfield, Ind., March 18, 1979. Unaware that John, aged 8, was following her, Miss Schweitzer, aged 20, secretary, walked 30 feet on ice at the bank of Spring Lake to where Jennifer, aged 6, was floundering in water in a hole in the ice. The ice gave way, putting John and Miss Schweitzer in the water also. With difficulty due to the children's struggles, Miss Schweitzer lifted John and then Jennifer onto the ice, from where they crawled to the bank. Too numb to climb out, Miss Schweitzer began breaking a path through the ice. Persons on the bank then threw her a rope and pulled her to safety. 6508

Carnegie Medal awarded to Michael I. Shanker, who saved Dorothy I. Shedlin from drowning, Mamaroneck, N.Y., December 5, 1980. Seeing Miss Shedlin, aged 21, floundering in cold water in Long Island Sound, Michael, aged 15, high school student, swam 350 feet, reaching her in deep water. After a struggle, Michael towed Miss Shedlin to a jetty 300 feet away. Both persons were treated for exposure. 6569

Carnegie Medal awarded to David W. Shaw, who attempted to rescue Frank Martino from suffocation and burning, South Bend, Ind., October 16, 1980. At an industrial plant, Martino, aged 51, was found lying in a poisonous degreasing liquid on the bottom of a steel tank inside which the temperature was 160 degrees. Shaw, aged 37, millwright, went down a chain into the tank and took hold of Martino, but he was dead. Climbing the chain, Shaw became weak and dizzy from the fumes and the intense heat. He called for help. Other workmen reached into the tank and lifted Shaw out. A fire captain later removed Martino's body. Shaw recovered after being hospitalized for extensive burns. 6543

Carnegie Medal awarded to Simon Simel, who rescued Danielle Deprez from burning, Rochester, N.Y., November 7, 1980. Danielle, aged 4, was in the upstairs hallway of a two-story frame dwelling in which the first-floor living room was afire. Simel, aged 61, baker, entered a downstairs hallway into which flames had spread from the living room and where visibility was nil due to smoke. After running under flames and up the stairs, Simel located Danielle, picked her up and then retreated down the stairs. The flames had increased. Simel ran through them to the outside. Danielle and Simel recovered from burns they had received. 6570

Carnegie Medal awarded to Jerry Allen Steele, who attempted to save Rebecca S. Spears from drowning, Vandalia, Ohio, August 1, 1979. In a rainstorm, Rebecca, aged 11, took refuge in a culvert carrying Poplar Creek under a highway. As the water rose, Rebecca, who could not swim, was forced to cling to the side of the culvert. Police threw her a rope, but she lost her hold and was swept away by the swift current in the flooded creek. Steele, aged 33, environmental patrol officer, jumped into the deep water but did not reach Rebecca. He got out of the creek and ran along the bank. Seeing Rebecca being swept along in the current, Steele reentered the water. Failing to reach Rebecca, he grasped a limb of an overhanging tree at the bank and got out. Rebecca drowned. 6536

Carnegie Medal awarded to Joseph J. Szimanski, who helped to save Carolyn H. McPhail from burning, Oshawa, Ont., November 4, 1979. The automobile in which Mrs. McPhail, aged 34, was riding was struck by another vehicle and caught fire, the flames spreading over the exterior and the interior. Szimanski, aged 27, spot welder, ran to the vehicle and had begun to reach through a window opening when an explosion under the hood forced him back. Returning, he grasped Mrs. McPhail and, with the aid of another man, pulled her to safety before the vehicle was completely engulfed by flames. 6559

Carnegie Medal awarded to Mark Kenji Takita, who rescued Peter Russo from electric shock, Philadelphia, Pa., October 5, 1978. Peter, aged 15, fell upon an uninsulated high-voltage line that was 16 feet above a railroad track. From an abutment, Mark, aged 15, high school student, tried to pull Peter from contact with the line and also received an electric shock. Mark fell onto Peter, causing both to plummet to the track below. Mark then put out the flames on Peter's clothing and by artificial resuscitation restored Peter's breathing before ambulances arrived. Peter's electrical burns resulted in his death. Mark recovered from his burns following hospitalization. 6571

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Steven Alan Tarnoff, who rescued James R. Eagle from burning, Spokane, Wash., January 20, 1981.** Eagle, aged 37, and Tarnoff, aged 30, division manager, were severely injured when the airplane in which they were passengers crashed in a wooded area and, nearly demolished, caught fire. All others aboard the aircraft were killed. Tarnoff crawled out of the wreckage and then saw that Eagle was still alive but could not get out. Unable to walk, Tarnoff crawled back to the aircraft and reached Eagle near the increasing flames. With difficulty due to his injuries and to being greatly outweighed, Tarnoff dragged Eagle to a safe distance from the wreckage shortly before it was entirely engulfed by the flames.

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**Carnegie Medal awarded to Joe F. Timmons, Sr. who rescued two children from a burning house, Camden, N.J., January 20, 1981.** When fire broke out in a two-story frame dwelling, Timmons, aged 30, taxi driver, was attracted and learned that a child was in an upstairs bedroom. Climbing onto a porch roof, he broke a window of the smoke-filled bedroom, entered, and removed the child. Learning that others were downstairs, Timmons crawled through an open door into the living room, where heat and flames were increasing. He removed another child to the outside. The two children recovered from effects of the smoke and heat. Timmons had cut his foot, which became infected, but he recovered.

6562

**Carnegie Medal awarded to Kenneth A. Truitt, who died as a result of his efforts to save an indeterminate number of persons from being shot, Daingerfield, Texas, June 22, 1980.** After an armed man entered the nave of a church, fired at persons there, and was forced into the foyer by a member of the congregation, another member struggled with the assailant and was fatally wounded as they moved outside through the front door. Truitt, aged 49, electrical contractor, who had followed the men into the foyer, reached the outside as the assailant turned back toward the church door, still armed. Truitt dived at the assailant, who shot him. Truitt died, as did three of the persons wounded in the initial gunfire.

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**Carnegie Medal awarded to Dennis Wylie Van Pelt, who died attempting to save Arthur Krumm from drowning, Fife Lake, Mich., July 4, 1981.** Arthur, aged 7, fell into a lake from a moving boat, which continued onward. Van Pelt, aged 29, grain grinder, jumped from the boat into deep water and swam toward Arthur. Before reaching Arthur, who was later removed from the water, Van Pelt submerged and drowned.

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**Carnegie Medal awarded to Van Lewis Wagner, who saved John L. Ernst from possible additional electric shock, Galion, Ohio, August 4, 1980.** Ernst, aged 25, fell into a fenced-in transformer bank and received an electrical burn as his arm broke a live wire. Wagner, aged 19, roofer, saw the semiconscious Ernst moving on the concrete floor of the enclosure. Climbing atop the fence, Wagner jumped into the enclosure and kneeled between Ernst and the live wires. Wagner restrained Ernst until the power was cut off. Ernst was hospitalized briefly for treatment of his burn and for injuries sustained in his fall.

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**Carnegie Medal awarded to Kevin Lee Weatherlow, who died helping to save Benjamin G. Walker from suffocation, Lancaster, Pa., June 13, 1981.** Benjamin, aged 8, entered a cesspool tank and was overcome by carbon dioxide. Weatherlow, aged 23, a college student working as a paramedic, tied a rope around himself and went into the cesspool with an airpack after another paramedic had been overcome just after entering the tank. Shortly after Weatherlow entered, Benjamin was pulled out by others by means of a rope. Weatherlow was later found overcome, lying near the other paramedic. Neither man could be revived. Benjamin was revived and hospitalized.

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**Carnegie Medal awarded to Melvin H. Willis, who attempted to rescue James Nazzaro, Jr. from assault, Boca Raton, Fla., January 13, 1979.** Nazzaro, aged 44, was attacked by two young men and their female companions. Willis, aged 66, who had had open heart surgery, approached and pleaded with the assailants to cease their attack. They then beat and kicked Willis before fleeing. Nazzaro recovered after having been hospitalized for injuries he had sustained. Willis, who suffered a heart attack after being removed to a hospital, was found to have sustained damage to the plastic arteries around his heart. He was hospitalized and underwent a lengthy recuperative period.

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## Statistics of Cases Considered Since 1904

	1981	To Date
Medals Awarded	75	6,573

To date the Commission has considered 58,527 rescue acts.

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*Especially do we honor those who gave their lives in attempting to save others. During 1981, thirteen such awards were granted, bringing the total to date to 1,351.*

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### Monetary Grants

	1981	To Date
For continuing support of widows, dependents, and disabled heroes, and for education of heroes and children of deceased heroes	\$169,015	\$ 9,566,537
Monetary awards with medals	<u>149,090</u>	<u>4,609,463</u>
	\$318,105	\$14,176,000

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Two special awards, medals mounted on bronze tablets, were made in honor of heroes of the Steamship Titanic, lost off the banks of Newfoundland on April 15, 1912, and of the mine disaster at Springhill, Nova Scotia, on October 23, 1958.



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J. Judson Brooks	1956
E. Bayley Buchanan	1975
George S. Ebbert, Jr.	1974
Benjamin R. Fisher	1976
John G. Frazer, Jr.	1953
T. Herbert Hamilton	1976
Thomas J. Hilliard, Jr.	1979
Alfred M. Hunt	1960
Robert W. Off	1973
David B. Oliver II	1957
Frank Brooks Robinson	1966
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Arthur M. Scully, Jr.	1964
Harton S. Semple	1958
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George H. Taber	1979
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